

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Anwar and Rep. McCarthyVahey, Vice-Chairs Sen. Kushner, Sen. Marx and Rep. Parker, Ranking Members Sen. Somers and Rep. Klarides-Ditria, and Distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee

I am writing in support of Bill No. 1076 AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS.

I have called Connecticut my home for the last 34 years and I plan to continue to live here. I know that none of us get out of this life alive. We will all die. Despite medical advances, death is often a long, painful process, even with the best medical care.

When my time comes, if I am faced with a long, fatal illness, I would like the choice to end my pain and leave this life with dignity. I would like to avoid a painful end and I would like to spare my family members from witnessing my suffering.

I understand the fear of opponents to aid in dying. They are afraid of abuse of the law to terminate lives against the wishes of those affected or rash decisions made in haste. This bill is well crafted and provides many safeguards to prevent abuse. I am impressed with the thought that went into drafting it.

Please express your compassion for the terminally ill by voting in favor of this bill.

Thank you,

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